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Dear Leaders,

I strongly urge you to oppose SB50, HB6848, and HB6962.

As a Professional Structural Engineer, I am charged with public safety as one of my primary responsibilities. As a profession, I look at facts and supportive evidence to make decisions; and although opinion and emotion provide information to a situation, these things fluctuate and can not generally be used in making sustainable and sound decisions.

These bills will add little, if anything, to our safety as a society and will serve primarily to satisfy kneejerk reactions, and the immediate gratification needs of lawmakers seeking to increase their popularity. If change is truly desired, it can be promoted, NOT through legislation (the laws that provide protection are already there), but by teaching and promoting community involvement, as well as personal and community responsibility.

DO NOT ADD verbiage to the books - the concepts and intent may be honorable, but I believe it is societal structure, attitude, and sense of personal OWNERSHIP of our community that needs attention.

To quote John Donne - "No man is an island, Entire of itself, Every man is a piece of the continent, A part of the main...."

Teach this this is "MY" community. Encourage ways that "I" can improve "MY" town.

As our leaders, LEAD the people to become part of their community - people don't want laws; they want leaders that can tell them how to improve, where they lack, and how they did well. Don't do the work for them - tell them how they can do the work. In a sense, as a leader, you are the father or mother of the community.

Please contact me questions or comments at this email, or address/ phone number below.

Sincerely,

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